

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of Claims will replace all prior listings of Claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

1. An image processing apparatus comprising:

an alteration means for altering the content of unit that alters a first image file, read from a recording medium, in accordance with a user's instruction, and generating stored in a removable storage medium in order to generate a second image file; and

a control means for, if authentication data is added to said first image file, recording said unit that controls to store the second image file onto said recording in the storage medium without deleting [[said]] the first image file from the storage medium, if the first image file includes authentication data that is used to authenticate whether the first image file has been altered.

2. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein [[said]] the second image file is recorded stored in the same folder as a folder in which [[said]] the first image file is recorded stored.

3. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein [[said]] the second image file is recorded stored in a folder different from a folder in which [[said]] the first image file is recorded stored.

4. (Canceled)

5. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if a content of said first image file is altered, said authentication data is deleted from said the alteration unit generates the second image file that does not include the authentication data, if the first image file includes the authentication data.

6. (Canceled)

7. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a part of a file name of [[said]] the second image file is the same as a part of a file name of [[said]] the first image file.

8. The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein [[said]] the image processing apparatus is an image sensing apparatus device.

9. [[An]] A method of controlling an image processing method apparatus, comprising:

~~an alteration step of altering the content of a first image file, read from a recording medium, in accordance with a user's instruction, and generating stored in a removable storage medium in order to generate a second image file; and~~

~~a control step of, if authentication data is added to said first image file, recording said controlling to store the second image file onto said recording in the storage medium without deleting [[said]] the first image file from the storage medium, if the first image file includes authentication data that is used to authenticate whether the first image file has been altered.~~

10. The ~~image processing~~ method according to claim 9, wherein [[said]] ~~the~~ second image file is ~~recorded~~ stored in the same folder as a folder in which [[said]] ~~the~~ first image file is ~~recorded~~ stored.

11. The ~~image processing~~ method according to claim 9, wherein [[said]] ~~the~~ second image file is ~~recorded~~ stored in a folder different from a folder in which [[said]] ~~the~~ first image file is ~~recorded~~ stored.

12. (Canceled)

13. The ~~image processing~~ method according to claim 9, wherein ~~if a content of said first image file is altered, said authentication data is deleted from said~~ the second image file does not include the authentication data, if the first image file includes the authentication data.

14. (Canceled)

15. The ~~image processing~~ method according to claim 9, wherein a part of a file name of [[said]] ~~the~~ second image file is the same as a part of a file name of [[said]] ~~the~~ first image file.

16. The ~~image processing~~ method according to claim 9, wherein [[said]] ~~the~~ image processing method apparatus is performed in an image sensing apparatus device.

17. A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for realizing by a computer the respective steps of the image processing method according to claim 9.

18. (Canceled)